

League of Women Voters looking for support

By MARY CONNELLY

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters has rallied together a finance advisory committee to lend a hand in this year's finance campaign.

Prominent civic and governmental leaders from West Bloomfield and Farmington have been enlisted to add their weight to the fund-raising effort.

Members of the advisory committee will meet Thurs. (Oct. 17) at the West Bloomfield home of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Deroven to officially endorse the

league and offer suggestions on gaining financial support.

The League, which annually sponsors a finance campaign, has called on an advisory committee this year partly because of a monetary goal increase.

Last year, the league established a \$1,000 goal and netted only \$700 in the finance drive, according to league treasurer Jane Clements.

The current goal is \$1,200.

"WE HAVE A larger finance goal than in the past because postage has

gone up, the cost of paper has gone up, and we're paying rental fees for places we used to get free," said finance chairman Paula Tobocman.

"Another reason we're increasing our budget is because our communities are growing and there is more work to do," she said, explaining that league representatives attend local governmental meetings and frequently formulate follow-up actions.

The increase in work load is occurring at a time when volunteer numbers are decreasing due to increasing numbers of women returning to the work force, Mrs. Tobocman said.

"The finance committee will advise us how we can get financial support from the community because they are all active in the community," Mrs. Tobocman said.

Garvalink, assistant superintendent for instruction with the West Bloomfield schools; Robert A. McConnell, mayor of Farmington Hills and president of the Farmington Republican Club; Farmington doctor Irving Miller; Farmington attorney R. Peter Prokop; Jay Roberts of West Bloomfield, employed with WJR radio; and Aldo Vagnoni, chairperson of the Farmington Democratic Club.

"We wanted to show that the league has a broad base of support," said Mrs. Tobocman, explaining the formation of the advisory committee.

"Also, at the league's national convention last spring we amended our constitution so that men can join."

We'd like to stimulate interest in the league among men," she added.

The league's finance drive will include sending letters of solicitation followed by personal contact by a league member. The finance call "kick-off" is scheduled on Oct. 28.

FUNDS WILL also be raised by mailing voting precincts on Nov. 5 and relaying precinct results to the ABC-TV network, and local television stations and newspapers.

Among the projects supported with league monies are the voters guides distributed prior to elections and the meetings organized for candidates and citizens.

Contributions to the league may be mailed to Paula Tobocman, 25252 Summerwood Road, Farmington Hills, 48024.

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Obscenity law worries library

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WEST BLOOMFIELD—The township library board is seeking exemption from the township's obscenity ordinance, contending that library functioning is harmed.

The library board says the recently-approved obscenity ordinance curtails an individual's constitutional right to information.

The library board further argues that the ordinance inhibits those charged with disseminating information. This includes the library board, library staff, librarians, community groups and Friends of the Library who sponsor programs.

THE OBSCENITY ORDINANCE, was adopted unanimously by the township board in March.

In order to be obscene, material or performances under question must fit three criteria when judged by community standards. The criteria are:

- If, on the whole, it appeals to the prurient interest.
- It is presented in a patently offensive manner.
- If, taken as a whole, the material or performance lacks "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

The ordinance exemption was requested by the library board and library director Gretchen Kulberg in a letter to the Township Board last week.

library loan systems and overlapping school districts in the township.

The township board referred the request to township attorney Joseph T. Brennan.

"We will be awaiting a report from our attorney on the matter," commented Township Supervisor John Doherty.

As proposed by the library board, the amendment Ordinance 83 would exempt prohibited materials or performances "in the course of bona fide school, college university, museum, or public library activities."

Retail outlets affiliated with and serving those organizations would also be exempted.

THE TOWNSHIP ordinance, written by Brennan, was patterned after the U. S. Supreme Court decision of Miller vs. California which broadened the scope of obscenity law.

Previous criteria that material with any redeeming value is not obscene were replaced at that time by wording which required the material or performance to have "serious merit."

At the present time, Michigan is working on the passage of legislation which would put the state in step with the U. S. Supreme Court guidelines.

The proposed township amendment conforms with a Michigan House bill introduced in Nov. 1973. No action has been taken on the bill and it is in the House Judiciary Committee.

Receiving more attention is a Senate Bill which does not include the exemption clause. The bill has been approved by the Senate and is also before the House Judiciary Committee.

Show to start

FARMINGTON—The Farmington Players will present their 8th production, "Damn Yankees," at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8.

Performances will be given Nov. 8, 9, 15-17, 22-24, 29 and 30 at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington.

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Candidates to appear

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters will sponsor a Candidates Forum Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Junior High School, 25000 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

After each candidate makes a two minute introductory statement, the formal portion of the forum will adjourn. The public then will have the opportunity to question any candidate on an informal basis.

THE CANDIDATES the league has invited to speak will represent the entire Farmington area or a section of it after the Nov. 5 election.

They include the following: for the 17th Congressional District, William Brodhead (Dem.) Kenneth Gallagher (Rep.), Bruce Duke (American Independent Party), Christy Wallace (Socialist Worker Party) and Harry Jock

(U.S. Labor Party); for the 15th State Senatorial District, Daniel Cooper (Dem.) and Lee Coppack (Rep.); for the 6th State House District, John Campbell (Dem.) and Wilbur Brotherton (Rep.).

In the 18th County Commissioner District, Linda Hirschberg (Dem.) and Lillian Moffitt (Rep.); in the 24th County Commissioner District, William O'Brien (Dem.) and Lew Coy (Rep.); in the 25th County Commissioner District, Sheldon Toll (Dem.) and Patrick Nowak (Rep.); in the 27th County Commissioner District, Gerald Farrell (Dem.) and John McDonald (Rep.); and in the 47th District Court, Margaret Schaefer and Judith Holtz.

In addition, the league has invited candidates to for the Second Court of Appeals and the Sixth Circuit Court.